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TAGS: PINS PINT MILI VS

SUBJECT: GVN CRACKDOWN ON BAO AN

1. SITUATION REMAINS QUIET IN ALL HOA HAO AREAS. MR4

POLICE REPORTS INDICATE THAT UP TO THE FEB 15 AMNESTY DEADLINE
OVER 1,700 BAO AN HAD BEEN ARRESTED. OF THESE SOME 1100
WERE DESERTERS AND 600 WER WITHOUT IDENTITY PAPERS OR OTHERWISE
IN ILLEGAL STATUS. REPORTS ALSO STATE THAT APPROXIMATELY 1,000
BAO AN, MOSTLY DESERTERS, SURRENDERED TO GVN. POLICE RE-
PORTEDLY CONFISCATED 60 INDIVIDUAL AND 4 CREW-SERVED WEAPONS.
A TOTHER 814 INDIVIDUAL AND 16 CREW-SERVED WEAPONS HAVE
BEEN TURNED IN TO THE GVN. ACCORDING TO POLICE, THIS ACCOUNTS
FOR ALL BUT A HANDFUL OF PF WEAPONS SEIZED BY BAO AN UNITSS.

2. INTENSIVE POLICE OPERATIONS AGAINST DRAFTDODGERS AND
DESERTERS ARE BEING RENEWED AFTER A WEEKLONG PAUSE DURING TET
HOLIDAY AND PRIOR AMNESTY EXPIRATION.

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3. PROVINCE CHIEF IN CHAU DOC TOLD ME HE HAS SOLVED BAO AN PROBLEM IN HIS PROVINCE WITH SOME 800 EVADERS RALLYING TO FLAG. MORE RECALCITRANT ELEMENTS HAVE LEFT PROVINCE WITH ARMS FOR AN GIANG WHERE THEY HAVE GATERED AT TAY AN PAGODA, HQ OF TUONG FACTION. P.C. CONFIDED THAT HE EXPECTTS TROUBLE IN AN GIANG IF GVN ATTEMPTS MOVE FORCEFULLY AGAINST REMNANTS OF BAO AN.

4. MR4 COMMANDER LAST NIGHT REATED TO ME HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO USE FORCE AGAINST HOA HAO AND CAMBODIANS OR ENTER PAGODAS TO ARREST EVADERS.

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